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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL; HELSINKI FOR MPT DEL; PARIS FOR
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SUBJECT: MBFR/ CSCE PARALLELISM

REF: A. BONN 7238; B. USNATO 2489; C. BONN 7330

1. DURING MAY 22 MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE, GERMAN MBFR
DEL CHIEF RUTH NOTED INCONCLUSIVE NATURE OF GERMAN/
SOVIET EXCHANGES ON TIMETABLE FOR MBFR/ CSCE DURING
BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN (REF A) AND QUERIED EMBOFF
REGARDING OUTCOME OF DR. KISSINGER DISCUSSIONS OF THIS
SUBJECT DURING MAY 4-9 TALKS IN MOSCOW. IN REPLY,
EMBOFF DREW ON AMB RUMSFELD' S MAY 21 STATEMENT TO NAC
(REF B), WHICH FONOFF HAD NOT YET RECEIVED, STRESSING
THAT KISSINGER HAD INSISTED WHILE IN MOSCOW ON OCTOBER
OPENING FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THIS US EXCHANGE
WITH SOVIETS ALSO HAD ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY. RUTH
WELCOMED THIS REPORT WITH EVIDENT RELIEF, SAYING GERMANS
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SHARED " THE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY US
AND OTHER ALLIES" TO ADHERING TO TIMETABLE AGREED IN
SEPT 12 NOTE.

2. NOTING BOTH MBFR PASSAGES IN GERMAN/ SOVIET JOINT
DECLARATION (REF C) AND COMMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY TO
EMBOFF ABOUT BREZHNEV VISIT BY ROTH, RUTH SAID GERMANS
HAD GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS DO IN FACT WISH TO
WIND UP VIENNA MIT " SOON", I. E., BY THE END OF MAY
OR BEGINNING OF JUNE. RUTH ADDED VIEW THAT AGENDA
DISCUSSION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BLOCK THE WAY TO EARLY
CONCLUSION OF MIT.

3. KEY QUESTION IN THIS CONNECTION, GIVEN POSITION
TAKEN BY SOVIETS WITH KEY OFFICIALS OF BOTH US AND FRG,
WILL BE DATE SOVIET MIT DEL READY TO AGREE TO NEXT WEEK
IN VIENNA FOR OPENING OF AUTUMN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.
LIKE THE BRITISH (LONDON 6011) RUTH SAID FRG PERCEIVED
US RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN MAKING IT CLEAR
TO THE SOVIETS THAT ANY REVERSE LINKAGE BETWEEN CSCE
AND MBFR WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

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